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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FOLEY ET AL.

Examiner

Wasseem H Hamdan

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 March 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a. Page 4, section [0027], line 3; page 4, section [0029], line 3; page 5, section [0031], line 1; page 6, line 5; and page 6, section [0038], line 6; “memory 61” does not match the drawings, instead FIG. 1 refers to “62” as the memory; and
 - b. Page 7, section [0044], line 2, and the “timer ship” should be “timer chip”.

Appropriate correction is required.

Abstract

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the abstract contain the word “comprising” on line 3. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

3. Claim 16 is objected to because of the following informalities: claim 16, line 1, recites “a input”. The Examiner believes that the applicant meant “an input”. Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

4. The drawings are objected to because the element 62 in FIG. 1, does not match what is in the specification on page 4, section [0027], line 3; page 4, section [0029], line 3; page 5, section [0031], line 1; page 6, line 5; and page 6, section [0038], line 6, which it is referred to as

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memory 61. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-4, 8-15 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ueda et al. (US Patent 5,690,435).

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Regarding claim 1, Ueda et al. discloses a method for detecting a type of one of plurality of devices attached to a graphics machine [Abstract, lines 1-6], each device being one of at least a first type and a second type [18; 41; column 4, lines 24-26; column 5, lines 4-6; column 6, lines 45-47], the method comprising:

detecting at a controller [44 or 110; column 6, lines 33-35; 45-51; [column 5, lines 45-67; column 6, lines 1-7] the type of device attached to or to be attached to the machine [Abstract, lines 1-6; column 4, lines 24-26; column 5, lines 4-6; column 6, lines 45-47], the controller being capable of preadjusting the device or machine as a function of the detection [column 6, lines 55-56; 64-65; column 7, lines 48-50].

Regarding claim 2, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the device includes a type identifier, and an identifier reader can be connected to the controller [FIGS. 6-1 and 6-2; column 5, lines 50-52; column 6, lines 45-50].

Regarding claim 3, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the controller sends a control signal to the device as a function of the detection [column 6, lines 45-49].

Regarding claim 4, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the devices can be added or removed and replaced with other devices of other types [column 1, lines 23-24; column 11, lines 17-22].

Regarding claim 8, Ueda et al. discloses a graphics machine [column 1, lines 19-20] comprising:

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a controller [44 or 110],

a first device connected to the controller [18 or 41; column 4, lines 24-26; column 5, lines 4-6; column 6, lines 45-47], the first device being categorizable as one of at least a first type and a second type, the controller detecting the type of the first device [18, 41; column 4, lines 24-26; column 5, lines 4-6; column 6, lines 45-47]; and

a memory accessible by the controller [54], the memory storing information regarding the first type and the second type [column 5, lines 45-67; column 6, lines 1-7].

Regarding claim 9, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the first device includes a type identifier, and the machine further comprises an identifier reader connected to the controller [FIGS. 6-1 and 6-2; column 5, lines 50-52; column 6, lines 45-50].

Regarding claim 10, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the controller automatically adjusts the first device as a function of the information [column 6, lines 55-56; 64-65; column 7, lines 48-50].

Regarding claim 11, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the information is stored as a table [column 7, lines 2-15].

Regarding claim 12, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the first device is connected to the controller via an electrical plug, a fixed transmission line or a wireless connection [18; 41; FIG. 6-1; FIG. 2].

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Regarding claim 13, Ueda et al. discloses the graphics machine includes a second device connected to the controller, the second device being one of the first type and the second type [18 or 41; column 4, lines 24-26; column 5, lines 4-6; column 6, lines 45-47].

Regarding claim 14, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the first device is modular [18 or 41; column 4, lines 24-26; column 5, lines 4-6; column 6, lines 45-47. According to the Chambers Dictionary of Science and Technology, published in 1999, page 751, the definition for “modular is (Electronics) Form of construction in which units, often with differing function, are therefore quickly interchangeable”, which as set forth in the office action Ueda et al. discloses this claimed limitation].

Regarding claim 15, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the controller has a plurality of inputs, each input identifying a particular location of the machine [FIGS. 6-1 and 6-2; 18 or 41; column 4, lines 24-26; column 5, lines 4-6; column 6, lines 45-47].

Regarding claim 19, Ueda et al. discloses wherein the type identifier supplies a digital signal [column 12, line 36].

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. (US Patent 5,690,435) in view of Graushar et al. (US Patent 6,267,366 B1).

Regarding claim 5, Ueda et al. disclose the essential elements of the claimed invention except for devices are feeders for a binding line. Graushar et al. discloses devices are feeders for a binding line [10; column 2, lines 66-67; column 3, lines 7-15]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ueda et al. by including devices are feeders for a binding line, since having devices are feeders for a binding line would be beneficial for the purpose of making sure that the feeder for the binding line is active, and hence final printing product and or processes will be completed.

9. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. (US Patent 5,690,435) in view of Isaac et al. (US Patent 5,483,893).

Regarding claim 6, Ueda et al. disclose the essential elements of the claimed invention except for the devices are printing press components. Isaac et al. discloses the devices are printing press components [FIG. 2; column 1, lines 6-11]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ueda et al. by including that the devices are printing press components, since it would be beneficial for the purpose of providing a controlled printing press.

10. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. (US Patent 5,690,435) in view of Rothman (Pub. No.: US 2004/0111597 A1).

Regarding claim 7, Ueda et al. disclose the system's initialization [column 19, lines 21-36], but silent about determining which devices are connected to the machine during start up or turning on the system. However Rothman et al. discloses a self-test check upon each turn-on of the machine to determine which devices are connected to the machine [page 1, section [0014], lines 5-8]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ueda et al. by including a self-test check upon each turn-on of the machine to determine which devices are connected to the machine, since Rothman et al. teaches having a self-test check upon each turn-on of the machine to determine which devices are connected to the machine would be beneficial for the purpose of alerting the user if one of the required devices is not connected [page 1, section [0014]].

11. Claims 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ueda et al. (US Patent 5,690,435) in view of Kikinis (US Patent 6,137,591).

Regarding claim 16, Ueda et al. disclose the essential elements of the claimed invention, but silent about that the type identifier is a plug having a input power pin and at least one other pin, the first type or second type being identified by a connection between the power pin and the other pin. However Kikinis discloses wherein the type identifier is a plug having a input power pin and at least one other pin, the first type or second type being identified by a connection between the power pin and the other pin [Fig. 6; Fig. 8; column 9, lines 44-52]. It would have

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been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ueda et al. by including wherein the type identifier is a plug having a input power pin and at least one other pin, the first type or second type being identified by a connection between the power pin and the other pin, since having wherein the type identifier is a plug having a input power pin and at least one other pin, the first type or second type being identified by a connection between the power pin and the other pin would be beneficial for the purpose of connecting the two parts of the system through the connecting pins and hence having a specific pin for a specific data signal.

Regarding claim 17, Ueda et al. disclose the essential elements of the claimed invention, but silent about the input power pin and the other pin are separated by a resistor. However Kikinis discloses that the input power pin and the other pin are separated by a resistor [189]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ueda et al. by including the input power pin and the other pin are separated by a resistor, since Kikinis teaches that having wherein the input power pin and the other pin are separated by a resistor would be beneficial for the purpose of regulating load to the power supply [Kikinis: column 9, lines 51-52].

Regarding claim 18, Ueda et al. disclose the essential elements of the claimed invention, but silent about wherein the at least one other pin includes two other pins, the type being determined by the presence or absence of power at the other pins when power is supplied to the input power pin. However Kikinis discloses wherein the at least one other pin includes two other

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pins, the type being determined by the presence or absence of power at the other pins when power is supplied to the input power pin [Fig. 6; Fig. 8; column 9, lines 44-52]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ueda et al. by including wherein the at least one other pin includes two other pins, the type being determined by the presence or absence of power at the other pins when power is supplied to the input power pin, since having wherein the at least one other pin includes two other pins, the type being determined by the presence or absence of power at the other pins when power is supplied to the input power pin would be beneficial for the purpose of connecting the two parts of the system through the connecting pins and hence having a specific pin for a specific data signal, and hence controlling the subsystems or modulars.

Please note with the broadest reasonable interpretation of claims 16-18 language, the examiner sees the benefit to show that it is very standard in the industry of testing or automation interface to have the pins as claimed in claims 16-18 as shown below the examination of claims 16-18 with another reference.

Regarding claims 16-18, Ueda et al. disclose the essential elements of the claimed invention, but silent about the limitations as claimed in claims 16-18. However Pepperl+Fuchs discloses the claimed limitations of claims 16-18 [page 12, Figure 5.3]. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teachings of Ueda et al. by including the limitations of 16-18 as above, since it would be beneficial for the purpose of connecting the two parts of the system through the connecting

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pins and hence having a specific pin for a specific data signal, and hence controlling the subsystems or modulars.

12. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wasseem H Hamdan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2166. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (first Friday off) 6:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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